

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 574

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Laura Fleenor on her selection as the 2017-2018 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Laura Fleenor is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Laura Fleenor has been selected as the 2017-2018 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher for thirteen years, Mrs. Fleenor has taught eighth grade math and algebra for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, currently a doctoral candidate at Lincoln Memorial University, Mrs. Fleenor received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson-Newman University, her Master of Arts degree from Tusculum College, and her Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Mrs. Fleenor is the Junior Beta Club lead sponsor, a member of the East Ridge Data Team, and the founder and director of the Bear Hunt 5K; now in its eleventh year, the 5K race generates between \$8,000 and \$10,000 annually to benefit the school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fleenor is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Laura Fleenor truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Laura Fleenor on being chosen as the 2017-2018 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.